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SUB: CIVAIR: PANAM MANAGER'S CALL ON

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

REF: ABIDJAN 4010

1. PANAM'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MARKETING AND SERVICE
LOUIS BERMAN CALLED ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
DESIRE BONI APRIL 27 TO THANK HIM FOR EXTENSION OF PANAM'S
OPERATING PERMIT. TO OCTOBER 31, 1976.

2. BERMAN REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR'S CALL HAD LEFT BONI
IN VERY FAVORABLE STATE OF MIND. HE STATED THAT IVORY COAST
HAD NO INTENTION OF "ABRUPTLY CUTTING OFF PANAM SERVICE" AND
EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BY OCTOBER 31 US AND IVORY COAST
WILL HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON BILATERAL AVIATION MATTERS.
BONI REPEATED GOIC POLICY THAT "A SMALLY CONTRY CAN'T AFFORD TO
ALLOW COMPETITIVE MARKET FORCES TO BE SOLE ELEMENT IN
GOVERNING MARKET SHARES."

3. BERMAN ASKED BONI'S SUPPORT IN ENCOURAGING AIR AFRIQUE
TO ENTER INTO FURTHER "ASSOCIATION" (BLOCKED SPACE) ARRANGEMENTS
IN PANAM'S AFRICAN SERVICES. BONI'S REPLY WAS NON-COMMITTAL,
IMPLYING THAT AIR AFRIQUE WOULD BE BEST JUDGE OF ITS OWN ECONOMIC
INTERESTS.

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